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Dr. Jane Henney Comissioner US FDA 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1471 Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Henney:

I am horrified every time I hear about the development of antibiotic resistance by microorganisms. Effective antibiotics are an incredible gift to mankind and we are **squandering** it.

I have been hugely disappointed recently to read again and again that the FDA is not taking many of the obvious steps to help decrease development of this resistance. The most obvious step, perhaps, and one of the simplest, is to eliminate the use of human-relevant antibiotics in animal feeds, like many European countries have done, and as recommended by the WHO.

Clearly, pressure from huge agri-businesses is forcing the FDA to take a short-term, reactive view to this hugely serious problem, at the expense of human health and well-being. You work for the government, which represents the *people*, not large corporations. You should take action that is appropriate to that responsibility.

Sincerely,

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